

Ocotillo District Weekly Update

August 21, 2015

Welcome to the Ocotillo District Weekly Update!

I invite you to my upcoming Mobile Office hours this month:

- **Monday, August 31** from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Bakery By Chef Tom, 5835 W. Palmdale Ave., Suite E.

Please feel free to stop by. No appointment is necessary. For more information, please call 623-930-2249.

Please Note: Due to the Labor Day Holiday on September 7, I will not host Mobile Office Hours in September.

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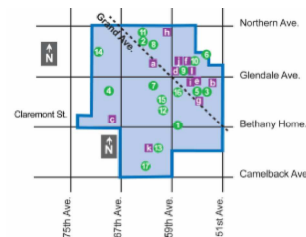
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**Ocotillo District
Amenities**

Maryland Avenue Multi-Use Pathway Project:

Construction will begin for this project beginning August 24 - September 14 which will add to the bike lanes and pedestrian walkway from Discovery Park to 67th Avenue by widening the pavement on the north side of Maryland (67th - 69th Ave.) and extend the existing 10' wide concrete walkway in Discovery Park to Discovery Drive (Maryland Avenue).



Westbound Maryland Avenue will be CLOSED between 67th and 69th avenues to accommodate construction in this area. Westbound Maryland Avenue traffic will be detoured via Ocotillo Road and 69th Avenue.

For additional project info visit glendaleaz.com/improvements. For project questions/info: 602-532-6250.

Transportation/Light-Rail Presentation Meeting September 17, 2015.

Councilmember Jamie Aldama is hosting a community meeting for residents living in the Ocotillo District and neighboring residents from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, September 17 at Isaac Imes Elementary School, 6625 N. 56 Ave. in the gymnasium.

Aldama, city staff and representatives from Valley Metro will make a presentation on the high-capacity transit service (light-rail). Councilmember Aldama and Valley Metro representatives will be available to answer questions from residents.

For more information or if you need special accommodations, call 623-930-2249.

Valley Metro West Phoenix/Central Glendale High Capacity Transit Study Information

What is the timeline for the West Phoenix/Central Glendale Project?

As you may know, Valley Metro has a study underway to identify transit options to connect downtown Glendale to the light rail system. The project is scheduled for operations in 2026, but critical decisions are being made in the current study to determine a route and type of transit (light rail or bus rapid transit). That study will conclude in early 2016 with a vote by the Glendale and Phoenix City Councils. We want to

hear from you! To learn more about the project and how you can provide input, visit valleymetro.org/Glendale.

Libraries Expand Online Service with New Partnership. Glendale Public Library announced availability of thousands of movies, television shows, music albums, eBooks, audiobooks and comics via mobile and online access through a new partnership with Hoopla Digital.

Glendale library card holders can now download the free Hoopla Digital mobile app on their Android or IOS device or by visiting hoopladigital.com. Available content includes thousands of titles - from major Hollywood studios, record companies and publishers - available to borrow 24/7, for instant streaming or temporary downloading to smartphones, tablets and computers.

"The library is excited to add Hoopla Digital services to our growing electronic resource offerings for our patrons. The selection is varied and downloading is quick," said Glendale's Chief Librarian, Michael Beck.

"With Hoopla Digital, our patrons can enjoy dynamic content from the library on-the-go," said Kathy Curley, Administrative Librarian for Collection Development. "Being digital, there is no waiting period for popular titles and Hoopla's automatic return means no late fees."

Hoopla Digital is a service of Midwest Tape, a trusted partner to public libraries for more than 25 years.

Glendale, AZ Named to Expedia's List of 101 Most Comfortable Cities.

The city of Glendale has been named by Expedia as one of the nation's top 101 most comfortable cities, based on customer hotel reviews on the website. Glendale was number 75 on the list; the only other Arizona city featured was Sedona at number 100.

More than 600,000 guest reviews were analyzed to determine the top cities for comfort across the U.S. These real life opinions on hospitable accommodations routinely influence travelers' decisions when looking for new places to visit.

From the Viewfinder Travel Blog on Expedia.com:
"We pulled 2014 data from millions of verified Expedia user reviews, and determined the top 101 U.S. cities

with the highest hotel comfort ratings. These reviews covered everything from the most comfortable hotel beds to the coziest amenities. The top score for the best cities was 4.6 out of 5, with the last city on the list ranking a score of 4.2."

Stylish and spacious room accommodations are offered in Glendale. The city boasts approximately 1,500 rooms, with more than 8,000 hotel rooms within a 15-mile radius, ranging from four- and five-star luxury properties to modest and boutique-style accommodations. West Valley accommodations are conveniently located within easy access to must-see attractions and premiere travel destinations, including Historic Downtown Glendale, Arrowhead Towne Center, the Sports & Entertainment District, which features Tanger Outlets Westgate and the Westgate Entertainment District.

"2015 is shaping up to be a banner year for Glendale, with record-breaking hotel occupancy during Super Bowl and Spring Training and we are currently trending with a 5 percent increase from last year," stated Lorraine Pino, Glendale CVB Manager. "To keep this momentum going, the Glendale CVB through our partnership with Glendale hotels have formed a Hotel and Venue Advisory Committee made up of Glendale hotels and the large scale venues who now meet regularly to discuss upcoming events, cooperative opportunities and continuing to build our brand awareness and commitment to providing the utmost in customer service to welcome our visitors and guests."

To read the blog, visit <https://viewfinder.expedia.com/features/101-most-comfortable-cities-for-travelers>. For additional information on Glendale's various amenities for visitors, log on to www.visitglendale.com

Got Drugs? Safely Dispose of Them! The Glendale Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration are providing residents an opportunity to safely and conveniently dispose of expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceutical substances and other medications. Controlled, non-controlled and over the counter substances will be accepted on Saturday, September 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Glendale Adult Center located at 5970 W. Brown Street, North parking lot area.

*Glass containers, inhalers, intra-venous solutions, injectable and syringes **CANNOT** be accepted due to potential hazards posed by blood-borne pathogens*

For more information about this event, contact Officer Jeff Horsley at 623-930-4029 or Officer Andy Lynes at 623-930-2554.

Glendale Police Department Shred Event.

Saturday, October 3 from 8 to 11 a.m. at Target, 10404 N. 43rd Ave., Southwest Parking Lot Area. Four (4) banker boxes limit per household. Due to demand, event may conclude if trucks are full. For further information contact Doreen Anderson, Crime Prevention Specialist at 623-930-4044.

Coming Up

Registration Now Taking Place For More Than 100 Classes for the Fall Session.

Glendale Parks and Recreation offers more than 100 classes for adults, teens and youth in the areas of arts, cooking, fitness, sports, well-being, music, dance and personal development. All the class information can be found in the *Glendale @Play* magazine available at www.glendaleaz.com/Parks&Recreation/magazine or the Glendale libraries, Glendale Adult Center and the Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center.

Adaptive Bowling 9 to 11 a.m., Saturdays, thru September 26, at Glenfair Lanes Bowling Alley, 6110 N. 59th Ave.

Ages 8 and older can improve their bowling game, enjoy the support of others and make new friends! Parents, guardians and caregivers volunteer and assist those with special needs to make this a rewarding experience. Bowling ramps are available to registered bowlers. Instruction is not provided. No bowling September 5. The program is \$23 (non-resident \$30) and includes a bowling ball and shoes. Pre-registration is required. Call 623-930-4600 or visit

www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation. register. For more information, contact Anthony Garcia at 623-930-4335

DIY: Marble Magnets 6 p.m., Thursday, August 27, at the Velma Teague Branch Library.

Use flat marbles, recycled magazine images, scrapbook paper, or your own original art to create funky, one-of-

a-kind magnets to stick on your locker or fridge. All materials will be provided! Ages 12-18. Registration begins on 8/10. For more information and to register, call 623-930-3437.

Glendale Offers Residents Free HOA Training. The City of Glendale is continuing its partnership with Mulcahy Law Firm to offer another HOA Academy this fall to residents. This unique opportunity provides Glendale residents and HOA leaders an opportunity to learn about relevant issues facing neighborhoods and learn answers from specialists in the field.

This training will be taught by HOA attorneys from the Mulcahy Law Firm, P.C., along with the Glendale Police Crime Prevention Department. The classes are free to Glendale residents and only \$20 for non-residents.

The curriculum for this four week series is derived from top concerns and requests made by Glendale HOA leaders, including:

- How to Handle Rentals in Community Associations and How to Build "Community" in HOAs
- Does your Association have Drones? Nuisance Issues in the Association
- Budgeting for Community Associations - Audits, Compilations, Reviews - Contracts
- Safety, Crime and Vandalism Prevention

The classes will be held at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. on Tuesdays, from October 13 to November 3, from 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Registration for the HOA training is currently open. Early registration is encouraged as only a limited number of seats are available. To register, contact Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services at 623-930-2820 or sign up online at www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation and use code # 474099-03.

Residents Reminded Standing Water Invites Mosquitos. With three months of monsoon activity still ahead of us this summer, the city of Glendale reminds residents to watch for standing water and to

protect their homes and families against mosquitos and diseases such as West Nile virus.

Two confirmed cases were reported in Maricopa County on June 21, 2015. In 2014, 108 cases of West Nile virus were reported among Arizona residents. Standing water, even in the shallowest containers, acts as a breeding ground for mosquitos, so follow these essential preventive measures to fight the bite:

- Reduce the number of mosquitos around your home. Mosquitos breed in standing water and their eggs will hatch within days after it rains. Check your yard once a week after it rains, get rid of containers that aren't being used, empty water from flower pots, change water in bird baths, and check for any leaky water equipment.
- Report any pools in your neighborhood that are not being maintained properly. Occupied homes should be reported to Glendale's Code Compliance Division at 623-930-3610; unoccupied homes should be reported to the county at 602-506-0700.
- Reduce the number of mosquito bites you get. Make a habit of using insect repellent when outdoors. Repellents should be used according to the label instructions.
- Prime mosquito-biting hours are usually dusk to dawn. Pay special attention to protection during these hours, or avoid being outdoors.

The Maricopa County Environmental Services Division monitors mosquito activity throughout the county. It also responds to all complaints related to green pools, stagnant water, dead birds and of course mosquitos. Residents can get more information or report issues to the county through a hotline, 602-506-0700, or online at www.maricopa.gov/wnv/. Additional information and resources are available on Glendale's website, as well, at www.glendaleaz.com/environmentalresources.

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